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## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 55/22 of 10 November 2000 and 55/161 of 12 December 2000 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States,

*Bearing in mind* the charter establishing the Economic Community of Central African States, by which the Central African countries have agreed to work for the economic development of their subregion, to promote economic cooperation and to establish a Common Market of Central Africa,

*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] adopted on 8 September 2000 by the heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, and especially chapter VII thereof,

*Taking note* of the fact that, at the ninth regular session of the Economic Community of Central African States, held in Malabo on 24 June 1999, the heads of State and Government of the member States decided to resume the activities of the Community by providing it with sufficient financial and human resources to enable it to become a real tool for the integration of their economies and to foster the development of cooperation between their peoples, with the ultimate aim of making it one of the five pillars of the African Economic Community and of helping Central Africa to meet the challenges of globalization,

[1] Resolution 55/2.

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*Bearing in mind* the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,[2]

*Welcoming* the establishment of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa with a view to creating a climate of peace and security in the subregion and strengthening the rule of law essential to its development,

*Welcoming also* the launching of the activities of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, in accordance with the recommendations of the General Assembly in its resolutions 53/78 A of 4 December 1998 and 54/55 A of 1 December 1999, with a view to strengthening democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law in the subregion,

*Commending* the States members of the Community for their undertaking to strengthen arrangements for cooperation within the Community,

*Noting* that, owing to the conflicts, loss of human lives and destruction of the economic and social infrastructure in Central Africa, it is essential to continue and strengthen the recovery programmes in order to get the economy of the countries of the subregion going again,

*Noting with deep concern* the danger of an increase in poverty, in particular in rural areas, owing to conflicts, loss of human lives and destruction of the economic and social infrastructure,

*Stressing* the need for continued and strengthened recovery programmes in order to get the economy of the countries of the subregion going again,

*Welcoming* the contribution by the United Nations system to supplement the efforts made at the national and subregional levels with a view to promoting the process of democratization, recovery and development in Central Africa,

*Aware* of the opportunities and challenges which may result from the process of globalization and liberalization for the economies of the countries of the subregion,

*Noting with satisfaction* the measures taken by the Community to combat HIV/AIDS,

*Noting also* the important contribution of women in the development process,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;[3]

2. *Commends* those States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have maintained or strengthened their cooperation with the Community or have begun to cooperate with it with a view to achieving peace, security and development;

3. *Invites* those States Members of the United Nations and United Nations organs, organizations and agencies which have not yet established contact or relations with the Community to consider doing so;

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[2] A/52/871-S/1998/318.

[3] A/56/301.

4. *Welcomes* the financial, technical and material support given to the Community by the international community;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of appropriate cooperation between the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and the Economic Community of Central African States;

6. *Once again requests* the international community to seriously consider increases in its financial technical and material support to the Community to enable it to implement fully its programme of action and to respond to the needs of the subregion for reconstruction and recovery;

7. *Urges* all Member States and the international community to contribute to the efforts of the Economic Community of Central African States to achieve economic integration and development, promote democracy and human rights and consolidate peace and security in Central Africa and to implement the goals, targets and commitment of the United Nations conferences and the Millennium Declaration,[1] in particular, to strengthen the role of women in the development process;

8. *Welcomes* the reforms which the Community is carrying out, in particular the implementation of its programme of action, so that it may be in a better position to tackle the problems of cooperation and regional integration;

9. *Urges* the international community and the United Nations agencies to continue to provide those countries of the Community in which a process of national reconstruction is taking place with appropriate assistance to consolidate their efforts towards democratization and the consolidation of the rule of law and to support their national development programmes;

10. *Declares itself convinced* of the importance of well-conceived global development strategies in order to avoid conflicts and disturbances and aware of the value of international co-operation and efforts to restore and maintain peace, and emphasizes that the international community should continue to help those countries which receive refugees to meet the resulting economic, social, humanitarian and environmental challenges;

11. *Urges* the United Nations and the international community to help to strengthen the means existing in the region to ensure that the Community has the necessary capacity with regard to prevention, monitoring, early warning and peacekeeping operations;

12. *Invites* the international community to consider supporting the creation of special economic zones and development corridors in the Community, with the active participation of the private sector;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue enhanced contacts with the Community, with a view to encouraging and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.